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IN ADDITION TO VOTING FOR FRIENDLY KOREAN RES, AGAINST HOSTILE RES, AND SUPPORTING ALL OUR PROCEDURAL MOTIONS, VENEZUELAN MADE FOLLOWING VERY HELPFUL EXPLANATION OF VOTE IN FIRST COMMITTEE DEC 9.

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MR. TAYLHARDAT (VENEZUELA) (INTERPRETATION FROM SPANISH):
THE DELEGATION OF VENEZUELA ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO ABSTAIN
IN THE VOTE ON THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WHICH WERE BEFORE
THIS COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF KOREA; NEITHER
ONE OF THOSE TEXTS WAS SATISFACTORY AND, IN OUR OPINION,
RATHER THAN LEADING TO A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM THEY
SERVED ONLY TO POLARIZE THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES.

THE ONLY THING THAT VENEZUELA DESIRES IN CONNECTION WITH
THIS PROBLEM IS A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, WITHOUT ANY ALIEN
OR FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, A SOLUTION WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE
TO BRING ABOUT THE EVENTUAL RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO
SECTORS OF THAT DIVIDED POPULATION AND ULTIMATELY, IF
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POSSIBLE, THE REUNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE THROUGH

A FREE AND SOVEREIGN EXPRESSION OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. NONE OF THESE TWO TEXTS, AS I SAID, WAS SATISFACTORY TO MY DELEGATION, RATHER WE FELT THAT BOTH CONTRIBUTED TO WIDEN THE GAP IN THE POINTS OF VIEW OF THE PARTIES.

FOR THIS REASON, WE RECEIVED WITH SYMPATHY THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF TUNISIA WHICH HE READ IN THIS COMMITTEE AND WHICH IN FACT TENDED TO PROMOTE A MORE BALANCED APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF KOREA. SINCE THAT PROPOSAL WAS NOT A FORMAL ONE, WE FOUND THAT THE INCORPORATION OF THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY FRANCE AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE INDEED CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED THE TEXTS IN DOCUMENT A/C.1/L.676/REV.1. IN ITS AMENDED VERSION, THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WE HAVE ADOPTED, COMBINES, IF NOT ALL, AT LEAST SOME OF THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS WHICH, IN THE VIEW OF MY DELEGATION, ARE NEEDED TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF KOREA.

THOSE ELEMENTS ARE, AMONG OTHERS: FIRST, THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSENSUS OF 28 NOVEMBER 1973; SECOND, THE NEED TO RESPECT AND MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT; THIRD, THE NEED FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AS A MEANS OF FACILITATING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS STATIONED IN KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THIS ORGANIZATION; AND, FOURTH, THE NEED FOR THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH A VIEW TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EVENTUAL REUNIFICATION, SO THAT LASTING PEACE MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN THE REGION.

ONCE THESE ELEMENTS HAD BEEN INCORPORATED, EVEN THOUGH ONLY PARTIALLY TO A LIMITED EXTENT, IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.1/L.676), MY DELEGATION FOUND IT ACCEPTABLE OR, IN ANY EVENT, LESS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE POSITION OF NEUTRALITY AND IMPARTIALITY WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO MAINTAIN WITH REGARD TO THIS THORNY AND DELICATE PROBLEM.

FOR SOME TIME VENEZUELA HAS MAINTAINED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA; AND THIS YEAR, BARELY TWO MONTHS AGO,

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WE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA. HENCE THE ONLY INTEREST AND OBJECTIVE WHICH MY DELEGATION CAN PROMOTE IN A MATTER INVOLVING THESE TWO COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS IS TO PROMOTE INITIATIVES LIKELY TO FACILITATE A SOLUTION SATISFACTORY TO THE KOREAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, OVERRIDING ANY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE OR ANY ARTIFICIAL DIVISION, GEOGRAPHICAL OR OTHER, THAT HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON

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